(c) and (d) BIS receives information through various sources about the availability of products in the market without bearing Standard Mark of BIS though they are covered under mandatory certification. In such cases, BIS informs the concerned implementing authority of the Central/State Government for taking necessary action. In cases where products bearing false Standard Mark of BIS are found, action is initiated under the BIS Act, 1986.

(e) and (f) BIS seeks the participation of the State Governments through the State Level Coordination Committee in implementation of the various Quality Control orders.

Surplus Sugar

1970. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been surplus availability of sugar in the country for the last five years if so, the details of the demand and supply;

(b) what is the rationale of continuing with monthly release mechanism; and

(c) whether this system is prevalent in other sugar producing countries also, and if so, the details thereof, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) The position of total availability and internal consumption of sugar during the last 5 sugar seasons is as under:—

(qty. in lakh tonnes)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
1. Total Availability	208.12	194.45	208.22	248.71	279.04
2. Internal Consumption	136.75	139.78	141.35	155.08	162.00

(b) In a step towards liberalisation in the sugar sector and in order to facilitate future/forward trading in sugar, the Government has made free sale releases of sugar for each sugar factory on quarterly basis instead of monthly basis w.e.f. the quarter January-March, 2002. Government has also allowed sugar factories an additional quota upto 10% of the quarterly quota to be sold subject to production of utilization certificates to the effect that the sale proceeds of the additional quota have been utilized for cane price dues.

(c) The information is not available.

Additional allocation of foodgrains

1971. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests from some of the State Governments for additional allocation of foodgrains during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the allocation made, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement showing the State-wise details of the requests received for additional allocation of foodgrains under the Public Distribution System and the additional allocation made is annexed.